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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I am a subscriber to a competitive provider and expect the FCC to act to BROADEN competitive offerings to residential/telecommuting customers - not limit them by allowing "last mile" backbone providers to hike rates, deny sub-carriers, or charge rates above their direct costs.

The backbone carrier has a monopoly and should NOT be allowed to leverage that to make their own consumer offerings appear to be competitive by disabling true competition. In fact backbone providers shouldn't be allowed to make consumer offerings at all.

Broadband is critical to my income, my access to news and web services. We need fiber optic and other offerings and we need them as cheaply as possible. The telecom line owners are all making excessive profit and offering very sub-par products because they have no effective competition.

I work in the telecom industry and can see directly how the sub-standard telecom service in the US is directly related to regulatory favoritism and oligopoly practices of the telecom backbone providers, such as AT&T. They stilt service to favor their own offerings and do not offer fair rate access to the smaller custom and innovative providers, who can clearly out compete them, even with the additional handicap of their small size.

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